(b) does the Government propose to give the arrears of pension with interest?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Not decided.

(b) Has not been considered.

Money lost to the Government by the transactions connected with the Excise defalcation case.

273. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government tbe pleased to state how much money has been lost by Government by the transactions connected with the Excise defalcation case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The exact amount lost to the Government can be ascertained only after the execution of the decree.

Heads of Departments—responsibility for realisation of amounts drawn.

274. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea to make the Heads of Departments responsible for the realisation of the amounts drawn by them under the heading 'Advances Recoverable', even if they rely on their subordinates, without scrutiny as is now laid down by the Chief Court in their judgment in the recently disposed of Excise defalcation case?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Under the existing rules the Heads of Departments are responsible for the realisation of such amounts subject to the general provisions of law

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government go through the judgment of the Chief Court?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—A formal copy of the judgment has not been received by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government peruse the judgment?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—When the copy has not been received how can the Government peruse it?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of sending a circular to all Heads of Departments that in future they need not scrutinise the work of their subordinates? In the judgment it is said that the Superintendent had some suspicion and afterwards he had some serious suspicion and the amount decreed is only from the date of his serious suspicion.

Deputy President.—The judgment is not before the Government. They are not in a position to give a definite answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I know the facts.

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Deputy President.—Then the question is whether your statement alone can be relied on.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether they will be considering the advisability?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is a hypothetical question.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—How is the question hypothetical? Government members cannot avoid a question by putting any plea. Whether the Government will consider it or not—what is the hypothesis in it?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether they will consider the advisability of sending a circular to all Heads of Departments that they need not scrutinise or they should not scrutinise the work of their subordinates?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Whatever action is required after the perusal of the judgment will be taken.

Appointment of Mr. Thomas Manjuran to try the Excise defalcation case.

275. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state why was Mr. Thomas Manjuran, one of the signatories to a petition to compromise the Excise defalcation case, appointed a Judge to try the case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because Government did not consider it a bar to the appointment.

Amounts decreed in the Excise defalcation case.

276. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how much money has now been decreed by the Chief Court in the Excise defalcation case and how much by the District Court;

(b) how much money was spent by Government for this Excise defalcation litigation under various headings?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) *Chief Court* Rs. 34,515 with proportionate costs and interests.

District Court Rs. 1,02,438 with proportionate costs and interests.

(b) Rs. 8,138–8–9 till 27th July 1932.

Deputation—Arecanut growers—Eranellur.

277. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a deputation of arecanut growers of Eranellur etc., villages waited on the Diwan in Chingam 1107;

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